



Memorandum

To: Planning Commission
From: Mark Hofman, AICP, Community Development Director
Date: April 1, 2024
Re: Old Business - 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update
Attachments:
1. Housing Element Discussion Guide
2. Housing Element Goals and Policies
3. Housing Element Background Analysis
4. Racially Disparate Impacts Background Analysis and Policy Review
5. Middle Housing Feasibility and Recommendations Report

At the July 26, 2023 Special Meeting, the Planning Commission kicked off the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update with the consultant team. The focus of that meeting was to discuss the approach to the update, including a milestone schedule and public engagement strategy. There was strong interest in housing, especially with respect to recent legislative changes and options for compliance.

2023 Working Meetings

- September 12, 2023 Regular Meeting: the Planning Commission reviewed initial baseline information for the Housing Needs Assessment that will form the basis for housing updates.
- October 10, 2023 Regular Meeting: the Planning Commission reviewed a summary of update needs identified in the GMA and PSRC checklists and further discussed public engagement.
- November 14, 2023 Regular Meeting: the Planning Commission reviewed land capacity and housing needs analyses that will inform future housing-related policy decisions.
- December 12, 2023 Regular Meeting: the Planning Commission learned about Department of Commerce guidance related to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) and discussed required updates to the land use element.

2024 Working Meetings

- January 9, 2024 Regular Meeting: the Planning Commission reviewed the first draft of an updated land use element, discussed policy decisions related to development patterns, and learned about required updates to the environmental quality and shorelines element.
- February 6, 2024 Special Meeting: the Planning Commission further discussed land use policies.
- February 13, 2024 Regular Meeting: the Planning Commission provided final feedback on land use policies and discussed environmental quality and community services & public safety policies.
- March 4, 2024 Special Meeting: the Planning Commission reviewed initial transportation policy recommendations and discussed incorporating the Climate Action Plan into the Comprehensive Plan.

- March 12, 2024 Regular Meeting: the Planning Commission provided feedback on transportation policy recommendations and discussed an approach to incorporating directives related to equity into the Comprehensive Plan.

Tonight’s Meeting

At this meeting, we will:

- Discuss Housing Element goal and policy recommendations
- Learn about the racially disparate impacts analysis
- Review recommendations to incorporate middle housing into Lake Forest Park

Resources

- 2015 Comprehensive Plan: <https://www.cityofflp.gov/160/Lake-Forest-Park-Comprehensive-Plan>
 - Vol. I, *Goals and Policies*, Housing Chapter (enumerated pg. 39/PDF pg. 49)
 - Vol. II, *Background Analysis*, Housing Chapter (enumerated pg. 117/PDF pg. 23)
- 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update Website: <https://www.cityofflp.gov/373/2024-Comprehensive-Plan-Update>
- 2021 King County Urban Growth Capacity Report: <https://kingcounty.gov/en/legacy/depts/executive/performance-strategy-budget/regional-planning/-/media/depts/executive/performance-strategy-budget/regional-planning/UGC/KC-UGC-Final-Report-2021-Ratified.ashx?la=en&hash=38D2E7B9BC652F69C8BB0EA52DB7778F>
 - *Applying Urban Growth Capacity Findings*, County and City Plans (enumerated pg. 81/PDF pg. 88)¹
 - Ch. 7, Lake Forest Park Profile (no enumeration/PDF pg. 156)
- Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) VISION 2050 Multicounty Planning Policies: <https://www.psrc.org/media/1695>
 - Regional Growth Strategy (enumerated and PDF pg. 3)
 - Development Patterns (enumerated and PDF pg. 6)²
 - Building Urban Communities (enumerated and PDF pg. 6)
 - Promoting Healthy Communities (enumerated and PDF pg. 7)
 - Centers: Supporting Connections to Opportunity (enumerated and PDF pg. 8)
 - Housing (enumerated and PDF pg. 10)
- 2023 King County Countywide Planning Policies: https://cdn.kingcounty.gov/-/media/king-county/depts/executive/performance-strategy-budget/regional-planning/cpps/2021_cpps-adopted_19384-amended_19553.pdf?rev=7ea6e59c9810495db4335e3b6b6d35e8&hash=F3190536F7D2C1A28BE15E62E82C42D9
 - Introduction, Equity and Social Justice (enumerated and PDF pg. 7)
 - Development Patterns, Growth Targets (enumerated and PDF pg. 21)

¹ King County does not recommend any “reasonable measures” for Lake Forest Park to implement.

² Rural Areas and Natural Resource Lands policies are not applicable to Lake Forest Park.

- Housing (enumerated and PDF pg. 36)
- Appendix 4: Housing Technical Appendix (enumerated and PDF pg. 77)
- Racially Disparate Impacts Guidance, Department of Commerce:
<https://deptofcommerce.app.box.com/s/11217198jattb87qobtw63pkplzhxege>